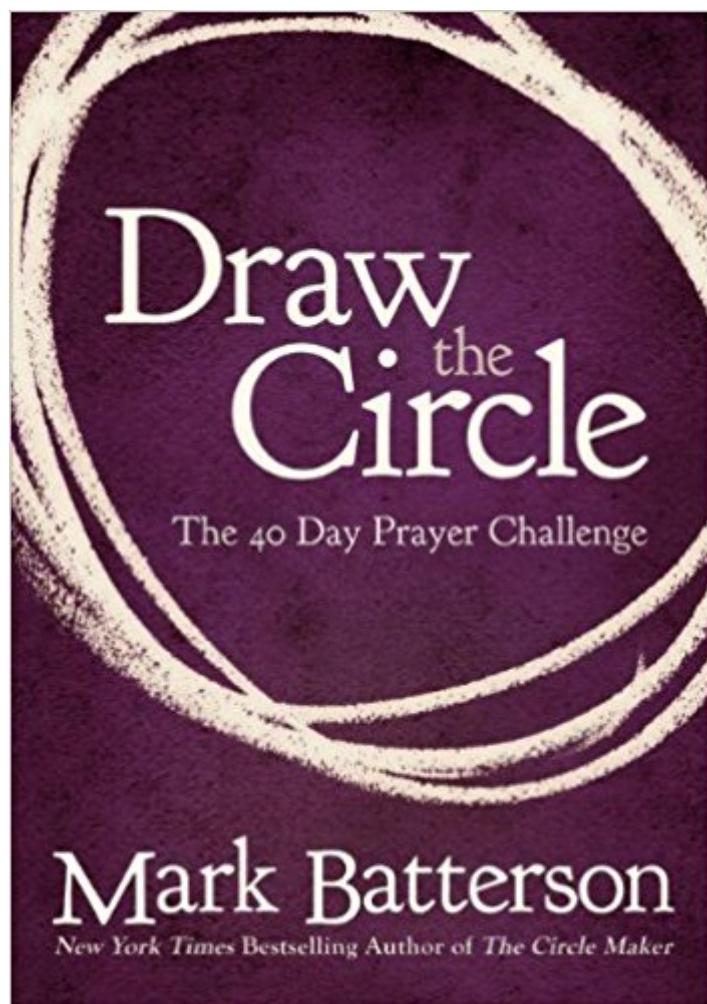


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# Draw The Circle: The 40 Day Prayer Challenge



## Synopsis

Do you pray as often and as boldly as you want to? Â There is a way to experience a deeper, more passionate, persistent, and intimate prayer life. Â Drawing from forty days of true stories, Mark Batterson applies the principles of his New York Times bestselling book *The Circle Maker* to teach us a new way to pray. As thousands of readers quickly became many tens of thousands, true stories of miraculous and inspiring answers to prayer began to pour in, and as those stories were shared, others were bolstered in their faith to pray with even more boldness. Â In *Draw the Circle*, through forty true, faith-building stories of Godâ€”â€œs answers to prayer, daily scriptures and prayer prompts, Batterson inspires you to pray and keep praying like never before. Begin a lifetime of watching God work. Â Believe in the God who can do all things. Experience the power of bold prayer and even bolder faith in *Draw the Circle*.

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First of all, this book is a 40 day devotional with most of the chapters ranging from 4-5 pages, but I didn't take the 40 days to read the book. I read through it whenever I had a moment to spare. Most of the chapters only took a precious few minutes to read through, but the content stuck with me.

"Draw the Circle" changed my outlook on prayer. Prayer isn't something we should just do when we get up in the morning, go to bed at night, or something to say before meals. Don't get me wrong...I make an effort to pray throughout the day, but this book has definitely changed HOW I pray. The author (Mark Batterson) explains the importance of having faith when we pray. Meaning if we are going to pray to God asking for a miracle, shouldn't we have faith that God will do it? We shouldn't be doubtful of God's ability to answer our prayers just because He may not answer them the way we expected. Batterson even suggests "drawing a circle" around the things we are praying for. For example, Batterson is a church planter and when his church was trying to figure out where God wanted them to plant their next church, Batterson took a prayer walk around the perimeter of the area they were looking at. He prayed through a 4 mile circle, asking God to show Him where to plant their church. And God provided an answer to Him. There is no gimmick involved in the truths Batterson writes about. If we pray for God to show us miraculous things, He will. "Draw a Circle" around your failing marriage, your illness, your child who doesn't know Christ and your money problems. Pray without ceasing and see God answer in miraculous ways. Sometimes He answers yes, sometimes no, and sometimes it's a not yet but He always answers. Have faith that God will do what He says. I think everyone would benefit from reading "Draw the Circle" by Mark Batterson. It's changed the way I talk to God, and how I view prayer! I would recommend this book to everyone I know, and I hope to get this book in our church library so more people are able to read it! Definitely 5 stars! Loved it!

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This is the first book by Mark Batterson that I have read. He expresses his faith in such a meaningful manner, one feels that he must be an inspiration to anyone with whom he shares his belief. Our church is following the 40 day prayer challenge, but on Monday nights at our Prayer Place. Individually or in pairs, some of us are committed to the 40 day as well! Great way to start the day, seeking God's guidance! I have shared what we are doing and sent books to friends and family who live in other states. All of the feedback I have received has been very positive. Right now, my son, in

another state, is reading Batterson's, In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day, and recommended it to me! I am reading it now and know why he recommended it.

My church did a 40-day prayer challenge together and this guide can be used as a stand alone, apart from the book. It covers some of the stories and testimonies of the author's journey with his church in praying bold prayers and believing God for the miraculous. It's inspiring and a challenge to all believers to partner with God in His works in this world. Your faith will be raised up to another level! You and your church will not be the same after taking on this challenge!

I had heard so many people talking about this book, that I had to get it. I read the introduction and decided to lead a small group within my organization through this challenge (this was due to the recommendation to not do this alone). We are only half-way through, but it has been an incredible journey so far. My prayer life (and those of my colleagues) has greatly improved and I am seeing God move like never before. I so appreciate Pastor Batterson's obedience in writing this book and I pray for him as much as I do for folks I know personally. It's really hard not to read ahead, but getting up every morning, I am so excited to read the devotion and just go into prayer. It's been simply incredible!

This book is a gift for those wanting something that would re-ignite their passion for prayer. The pages are filled with real-life stories of ordinary people who traded perfunctory prayers for faith-filled, heart-felt prayers and the difference it made ~ allowing them to experience God's move in their lives in ways they never imagined. A must read!

This was truly an awesome read. This book has renewed my prayer life and revitalized my faith. This was a great thing to take on during this Lent period. I just moved back to D.C. and I plan on attending a service of this author perhaps on Easter Sunday. Read the book, you won't regret it.

Pretty good. The author does a good job of presenting material that gives you something new to ponder. The chapters are a good length. Very readable.

The best book I ever read about Prayer. I did it as a Lenten Discipline for 40 days. Amazing stories, uplifting lessons.

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